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The European space.

Geo-economic balances and State powers in the long run.

International Conference

Milan, 22-24 giugno 2023



Call for papers & organized sessions

Deadline for application: April 16th, 2023

The Società Italiana degli Storici economici (Italian Society of Economic Historians, SISE) and the “Mario Romani” Department of Economic and Social History and Geographical Sciences - Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Milan, Italy), welcome paper and session proposals to the international conference “The European space. Geo-economic balances and State powers in the long run”.

The concept of Europe, a matter of cultural and political debate for centuries, is a historiographic *topos* raising the research interests of many scholars in several different fields of specialization. In the construction of the European space(s), in its advancements or regresses, a crucial role has been played by economic actors and relations, which often overpass national borders and intertwine with the nature and roles of political powers and national States. Looking at the last decades, it immediately appears evident how the international spread of finance, the pervasiveness of global markets, the spreading of technological innovations, the expanding strategies of large corporations, have deeply redesigned national, economic, and political systems. Nonetheless, even well before the last globalization (or re-globalization), traditional government systems were pressed by the

internationalization of economies: by centrifugal pushes, by the need for external resources, or the emergence of new actors on the international stage in economic, technical, and social fields, that have increasingly influenced both the private and the public life. In more recent times, then, a new institutional framework developed at supranational, European, level getting new functions and involving actors, such as trade unions, charities, business interests, scientific institutions, and churches, reinforcing the dynamics of cooperation, integration, and convergence beyond national borders.

The Italian peninsula, too, besides its natural connection to the Mediterranean area, has been characterized by a secular projection towards other European areas and markets that have influenced both its internal balances and its development. A long history of exchanges, acquisitions and transfers, emulative processes, and relationship networks connected this Southern part of Europe to the Continent, inserting Italy in larger spaces and hierarchies.

Possible topics of interest are:

PRODUCTIONS AND MARKETS

- International trades and markets in the European continent
- Industry and businesses in the European space
- The circulation of technology across borders
- The "opening/closing" dilemma. Organized interests and sector policies
- The products "made in" and the global commodification

LABOUR AND SOCIAL ACTORS IN THE EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK

- Labour and its protection: is there a European model?
- Convergences and divergences in welfare national systems
- Firms' cross-border activities (e.g. multinationals and relocations) and social rights
- Promoting and caring human capital. Vocational education and training in European perspective
- Flows of people between regions and nations (departures, exclusion/inclusion, new roots ...)

THE ECONOMY AS A TOOL IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- Economic competition among states, from mercantilism to oligarchs
- National strategies for the control of international resources
- Money, credit, debt: national sovereignty and its limits
- The economic weapons (penalties, commercial wars, boycotts)
- Economic actors and war

GEOGRAPHIES, NETWORKS, TERRITORIES

- Representing the European economic spaces: from cartography to GIS
- The world-economies: the Baltic and Mediterranean Seas
- Relations across the Curtain
- Are mountains a barrier or an osmosis factor? The Alps, the Balkans
- Regional disparities and the European integration
- Material integration: new infrastructure, ICT networks, and logistical platforms

Submission of proposals

Abstracts for papers (max 500 words) or sessions of 4-6 participants (max 1,000 words) must be sent together with the proponent's short CV (max 250 words) at spazioeuropeo@unicatt.it by April 16th, 2023, at the latest.

Official languages

Italian, English, French, and Spanish.

Modality of participation

It will be possible to attend the Conference either in presence or remotely.

Important dates

April 16 th , 2023	Deadline for submission of paper and session proposals
April 30 th , 2023	Notification of acceptance
May 20 th , 2023	Deadline for registration to the conference
June 22 nd -24 th , 2023	Conference

Registration

Though participation is free of charge, participants' registration is required (via the conference website). Participants to the social dinner (Friday 23rd, 2023) will have to pay a fee of € 50. The payment must be made at registration, following instructions given in the notification of acceptance.

Accommodation

Travel and accommodation expenses are full responsibility of participants. Please book your accommodation in Milan well in advance. Addresses of suggested hotels and other logistical information will be provided on the SISE and the Department of Economic and Social History websites (see below).

Grants

SISE provides four grants of 300 euros each for young non-tenured researchers (e.g. PhD students) as a contribution to travel and accommodation expenses, unless they benefit from other funding for the same purpose. Interested scholars please contact the Organizing Committee (see below).

Publication

The coordinator of each panel will evaluate how to enhance the results of the presented research through their publication in monographic, peer-reviewed volumes or journal issues.

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